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## CIRCUIT COURT

### Is Putting in Full Time and Will Continue Two Weeks Longer.

After taking a Saturday recess the Circuit Court resumed work Monday morning and has been very busy all the week.

The time of the Court was taken Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with the case of Jerry Crank vs. the C. & O. railroad. The case had gone to the Court of Appeals and back, and on the retrial the jury gave Crank \$499. Defendant will probably ask for a new trial.

As this paper goes to press the case of David Marcum against the same railroad was being tried. Marcum was on a hand car which was blown from the track by the tornado of April 7, 1907, and for injuries alleged to have been received on that occasion he asks the railroad company to pay him a pretty good sum.

The grand jury adjourned until Wednesday of this week and is still in session. By a seeming final adjournment many witnesses who had been awaiting summons were deceived and returned to their customary haunts, only to be pounced upon by a vigilant officer.

The full term of the Court will, in all probability, be consumed.

### Board Not Liable.

The Court of Appeals has affirmed the judgment of the Fayette Circuit Court in the case of Fred Ketterer's administrator vs. the State Board of Control, etc. Ketterer was an inmate of the Lexington asylum and a most violent patient at times. It was charged that he was killed by one of the attendants while trying to subdue him. His administrator sued the Board of Control and the superintendent for \$50,000 damages. The lower court sustained a demurrer to the petition and the Court of Appeals upheld the judgment of the court below. All the authorities, says the Court, relieve the State and such officials from the responsibility upon those persons who commit the acts which are the direct cause of the injury.

Ketterer lived in Ashland and was beaten to death by attendants in the Lexington asylum.

### Rev. W. H. Sledge.

Great interest has been aroused in the revival services to be held at the Baptist church by the Rev. W. H. Sledge, beginning February 14. Rev. Sledge is a man of great power as an evangelist. His sermons abound in forcible and telling illustrations which he draws home in a manner which is all his own.

At Catlettsburg there were over 40 conversions and the Gate City is still talking about him and the meetings which he held. There will doubtless be a large crowd to hear him when he comes.

### Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors has been in session all this week listening to all who deem themselves wrongfully assessed and whose property has taken a sudden rise by reason of said board. The supervisors have added one hundred thousand dollars or more to the value of the property in the county. Of this amount the gas company comes in for fifty-five thousand dollars. It is thought that the action of the board will not be greatly changed.

### Cause of Explosion.

Regarding the mine disaster at Lick Branch Colliery near Bluefield, where by sixty-five men were killed, the jury decided the explosion was caused by an overcharged shot of gun powder in room 21 of the mine and that the sixty-five men came to death through no fault of the Pocahontas Consolidated Colliery Company or the Lick Branch Colliery.

Wm. Shannon of Blaine has gone to Tennessee and Virginia to see his relatives. He came to this county when a boy and lived with old Uncle Tom Shannon until he was grown. He has not seen his people for 40 years.

## A Delightful Occasion.

What proved to be one of the most delightful of the postholiday functions was the progressive whist party given last Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Vinson. There were six tables, and from early to early, that is to say from early in the evening to early in the morning there was no abatement in the pleasure enjoyed by all who were so fortunate as to be guests. Parlor, reception room and dining room are so arranged in the beautiful home of the Vinsons that they can be made as one. It was so on this occasion, and the two tables in each room were occupied by guests who in the intervals between games gaily chatted with their neighbors. Most delicious cake and brick ice cream correctly followed by cafe noir, made most acceptable refreshment.

The guests were: Mrs. Grubbs, of Chicago, her sister, Miss Ellen Skene, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Barchett, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Conley, Miss Lute Yates, Miss Lella Snyder, Miss Stella Conley, Mrs. P. L. Stewart, Mrs. Hannah Lackey, Mrs. A. M. Campbell, Miss Emma Carey, Miss Lily McHenry, Richard Moore, Thomas Muncester, Dr. Jas. Reynolds, Millard Carey and Dr. Wroten.

## Considerably Mixed.

The following has been going the rounds of the daily press:

"The body of William A. Anderson, a conductor on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad branch line from Catlettsburg, to Pikeville, Ky., was found on the track at a point on the Big Sandy division. Indications point to the fact that he was robbed and murdered and the body placed on the track to conceal the double crime."

Nothing of the sort ever occurred on the "railroad branch line from Catlettsburg" and it has been ascertained that Anderson was not murdered.

## Teachers Should Take Notice.

It is almost inconceivable that 40,000 pieces of mail should be referred to the dead letter office at Washington every day. This inconvenience is due to poor writing and incorrect addressing. The hope of improving this condition lies in the proper instruction of school children as to how to properly address their mail—so the postal authorities claim. Accordingly the Postmaster General has taken the matter up with the school authorities and in furnishing through local post-offices the necessary printed matter and instructions. This material is to be placed in the hands of teachers and from time to time the pupils will be given instruction as to how to address and mail letters.

## Fell Dead in Court Room.

Hamilton, O., Jan. 18.—As Judge Murphy sentenced Ruck Cottongame, Kentucky feudist, to the penitentiary for life for the murder of Farish Arnett, the father of Arnett fell dead in the courtroom. Arnett refused Cottongame of wrecking his home and Cottongame killed him and was sentenced to the penitentiary for life for the crime.

Cottongame is declared to be a member of a prominent Kentucky family of feud fame. Both Cottongame and Arnett about a year ago removed from Breathitt county, Ky., to this city.

## Pardoned by Gov. Cox.

H. G. Hensley was sentenced at the last term of the Lawrence Circuit Court to serve three years in the penitentiary for shooting Flem Kitchen. After serving several months of his sentence he has been pardoned by acting Governor Cox. The circumstances of the case as detailed to the Governor were such so the court officers said, that a fine of \$50 would have been ample punishment for the offense.

Born, this morning, to Mrs. Andrew Berry, of 1418 East Carter avenue, a little daughter. Mrs. Berry is the wife of Andrew Berry, the engineer, who met an untimely death in a railroad wreck on the Big Sandy division of the C. & O. last summer.—Ashland Independent.

## KENTUCKIANS

### Have Gone to San Francisco to Aid Magoffin County Man.

A distinguished party of Kentuckians will leave Louisville shortly for San Francisco, where they will give their counsel and assistance to Eugene Gardner, a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families in Eastern Kentucky, who has found himself in serious trouble. Gardner is the 21-year-old grandson of Joseph Gardner, once nominee for Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky, and in his time one of the most conspicuous figures in public life in the mountain country.

Young Gardner eager for voyage and adventure, shipped from San Francisco on the whaler Bare-lead. While at sea he became involved in a difficulty with an Italian sailor named Cordova. According to reports the young Kentuckian was provoked beyond endurance and he killed Cordova. The whaler was carrying the Stars and Stripes, and according to the laws of the high seas the culprit was landed by the nearest port of the United States for trial. He was brought in from San Francisco.

It developed that all the members of the crew except two or three were of the Italian or other foreign tongues. The Italians were anxious to remain and testify, but it is said that Uncle Sam has seen to it that all of the crew of whatever nationality have been detained as witnesses.

Among those who will go to San Francisco are Appellate Judge and former Chief Justice Ed C. O'Rear, an uncle of the accused boy; Circuit Judge Dudley Gardner, of Salersville, another uncle, Circuit Judge Ailie W. Young and Henry R. Prewitt, chairman of the Democratic State Central and Executive Committees.

## How It Affects Some.

The output of some booze factories in or adjacent to the Capital must be of a very peculiar sort. Read the following telegram from Frankfort:

In spite of the snow which was deep on the ground, a snake on the farm of George Moore, in this county, this morning, left its nest and crawled through the snow and cold into a trap which had been baited with an apple and set for a rabbit. The snake sprung the trap, which dropped a big rock on its head and the reptile was pinned down so that it could not escape. Corby Moore, a son of Geo. Moore found the snake when he visited his rabbit trap. He caught the snake alive and took it to the house, where his mother made him kill it. The snake was brought to town to be exhibited as the first snake ever known to crawl through snow. It was a cow-sucker, 4 feet 3 inches long.

## Children Sent Back.

An entirely new phase of night rider troubles in Western Kentucky has been discovered by George L. Sehon, Superintendent of the Kentucky Children's Home in Louisville.

Mr. Sehon says that already 75 children have been returned to the home from Western Kentucky by families in the night rider districts. He says that the reasons assigned for returning the children are that these people who have taken wards into their homes to rear have become afraid that some harm might come to them in lawless outbreaks.

The Court of Appeals, Commissioner Clay writing, reversed the Lawrence Circuit Court in the case of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad vs. O. J. Vaughan. The appellee was awarded \$200 damages. He had in custody a prisoner on whose behalf he was sure to appear in the Pike Circuit Court.

The prisoner alighted from the train and while the appellant was struggling to secure him back on the train the conductor left them.

The funeral of L. C. Hardwick, who was killed by an N. & W. train near Fort Gay last week, occurred at Yorkville on Friday and was largely attended. Interment was made with Masonic ceremonies.

## The Skenes Entertain.

In honor of their daughter, Mrs. Grubbs, of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. James Skene entertained very handsomely last Friday evening. The elegant home, which is familiarly known as the Ben Thomas house, is admirably adapted to the giving of receptions, and on the evening named the spacious and beautifully furnished rooms looked still more beautiful, filled as they were with handsomely dressed guests. These had been invited to play progressive whist. There were four tables of them, and as there were some very good players in that merry crowd the games were very far from being dull. Host and hostess are very hospitable people, and they are at home when entertaining their friends. The luncheon provided for this very pleasant affair embraced all that could cater to good appetites and was enjoyed to the utmost. At a late hour "good night" was spoken, all wishing the guest of honor a safe return to her Chicago home.

## Cadmus.

A. L. Thompson, who made a visit to Hardy Ark., a few weeks ago to look out a location for future life, has returned home and he says he believes what the Bible says about God making the world in six days. He says that God worked five days on the State of Kentucky and one on the rest of the world.

Wm. B. Belcher has sold his saw mill at Cadmus and it will soon be moved away.

The Green Valley school closed last Friday with a good attendance. It has been a successful school and C. B. Stewart is beyond a doubt one of Lawrence county's best teachers.

Jay Shortridge is working on Ben Vanhorn's house.

Born, to E. B. Shortridge and wife, on the 10th, a fine girl.

Mrs. Bettie May, who was reported sick last week, is much improved. Little Dock Harmon is better.

Adam Harmon is contemplating a visit to Dixie, W. Va., in a few days. Lee Skaggs, of Irad, was at Adam Harmon's Sunday.

Uncle Henry Taylor, of Pike county, is visiting his granddaughter, Mrs. Laura Collinsworth, this week.

Bert Large, of Potter, is talking of moving into our neighborhood.

A. J. Scott is repairing his barn on the farm he recently purchased of Martin Shortridge.

Lee O. Ekers, our photographer, is doing a very good business at Cadmus.

Adam Harmon, our Notary Public, made a professional call to Tuscola last Wednesday.

C. W. Clay, of Goldie, passed up our creek Monday.

John E. Fugate, who went to Heller, Pike county, to work in the mines, will return home soon.

Lindsey Murphy is hauling goods from Fullers Station to W. V. Roberts store at Cadmus.

Adam Harmon will teach a writing school at Green Valley, beginning on Monday, January 25.

Ray Jones and J. W. Towler have bought C. T. Miller's huxter wagon and are now on the road for all kinds of produce.

Miss Pearl Fugate was visiting Miss Bertha Stewart last week.

J. W. Ellis visited his brother at Ashland last week.

Jeff Collinsworth made a trip to Pike county this week.

Bud Taylor, of Deephole branch, was visiting at Mr. Collinsworth's Sunday.

C. B. Shortridge sold Mr. Collinsworth a fine yoke of cattle last week.

Spunk.

The first coal to leave Pittsburgh by river in seven months and the biggest shipment in the history of the trade, has started from that port on the present rise. The thirty big towboats in the harbor there are not anywhere near enough to move away the many millions of bushels that have been loaded and are ready to be sent out, but every available craft will be pressed into service.

The Steamer Thealka has been sold by the owners, Z. Meek and others to T. J. Parks and J. E. Meloy, who are arranging to start her out in the Paintsville trade. It is understood to be the purpose of the new owners to run her in the Lewis fork exclusively.

## PURE SEED

### For Farmers to be Investigated by State Department.

Adulteration of farm seed is to be made a special subject for investigation by M. C. Rankin, Commissioner of Agriculture, and he may adopt the expedient of publishing the names of all firms which are caught selling seed of any kind in which there are adulterants or which may contain the seeds of weeds. He is going to conduct a vigorous campaign to stop the imposition under the burden of which the farmers are now growing weary, and believes that he can help the farmers materially.

One farmer wrote to Mr. Rankin telling him that he had bought some seed wheat, which was not shipped until just before the time for sowing. When the wheat grew it was found to contain about 10 per cent. of wild onions. No miller will buy wheat which contains onion, as no machine has yet been invented which will separate the onion from the wheat, and the weed would make the flour taste. The farmer who bought the seed lost practically his entire crop, and he writes to the Commissioner to know if something cannot be done about it, and is going to consult the Attorney General to see what he can do to punish the firm which sold that particular wheat. He also is going after other dealers who supply farmers with bad seed corn.

Many letters from farmers over the State are being received by Mr. Rankin congratulating him on the movement which he has started for better seed corn for the farmers of the State, and they all say that the prospects are that by the distribution of the high grade seed corn and if they will use only this they will greatly improve the average crop and will also be able to find a market for their products.

## B. F. Shively, Senator.

The gain of a Democratic Senator in the pivotal State of Indiana is one of the most gratifying results of the national election in November last. It was felt, just so soon as the political complexion of the Indiana Legislature was assured, that it would be a graceful act to bestow the vacant toga on Hon. John W. Kern, whose plucky and able fight was Mr. Bryan's running mate, is fresh in the memory of all. It would seem, however, that his tale of defeat is closed another chapter.

## His Old Kentucky Home.

No doubt Kentucky looked good to Cox Carter when he and his family touched their native soil last Wednesday. Cox had been sojourning with the Buckeyes near Columbus for quite a spell, but his "heart turned back to Dixie" and he is again with kindred and friends. He is once more on the farm on Rich creek and his postoffice is Ellen. He and his family received a hearty welcome home.

## Elswick & Hale.

John Elswick and Millard Hale, under the firm name of Elswick & Hale, have opened a first class grocery store on Main street, next door to Pigg's restaurant. They are well and favorably known in this community as honest, reliable men. Purchasers like to deal with such, and the stock of the firm will be a good attraction. Ask at the new store for what you want in the grocery line and you'll get it.

U. G. Parley, whose home is at Stonecoal, four or five miles below Warfield, is hopeful of the future of his section, believing that some remarkable developments will soon occur in that region. The first gas wells were bored on the Kentucky side of Tug, not far from Mr. Parley's home, and he says that the test wells recently put down there show gas in paying quantities. The wells now connected with the big system which supplies Louisville and several Ohio river towns were bored for oil many years ago, but they never contributed much to keep John Dee out of the poorhouse.

## The Churches.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather the churches were very well attended last Sunday. In the morning a good congregation listened to what the Rev. G. C. Hutchinson, of the M.E. Church South had to say about "The Nobility of Man." His text was in Matthew 12:12: "How much more is man worth than a sheep." Of course there is but one true answer: Infinitely more. But the preacher, knew of instances where, judging from the circumstances, stock of many kinds seemed to be worth more than men. In an earlier case a railroad company seemed to think a load of watermelons was of greater value than a bery of pretty girls. The train stopped for the melons but never even hesitated for the women. Mr. Hutchinson is logical in his conclusions.

At night the Rev. Dr. Hanford preached to a large congregation at the M. E. Church. His subject was, "The Valley of Dry Bones," as seen by the prophet Ezekiel. Among these bones the reverend doctor saw the bones of dead dogmas, dead faith and dead ceremonialisms. He also noted that these had not died. They had been killed. And as the bones of the valley had come to life after the four winds of the North, South, the East and the West had blown upon them, so also would life be restored to the figurative bones and skeletons he had named. The sermon was a very interesting one and was much enjoyed by all who heard it.

The Rev. G. G. Riggan preached as usual in the First Baptist. He had a good congregation and interested his hearers in a sermon based upon Acts 16:25—"And at Midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God." Descriptive sermon. Day of Desolation. Trading in large measures the misunderstanding and troubles of the day. Mentioned the opposition to christian work at all times. Night of Trial. The description of experience in the jail at Philippi. Preparation made for that in earlier years. Make ready for the testing times to come. The prayers and hymns in the night. Not the vindication of the morrow, but the victory at midnight for they conquered themselves and out of despair rescued hope and out of the sorrow wrested happiness.

## Inez Items.

### Inez Press.

Everett B. Kirk left Tuesday for Maryville, Tenn., where he will enter school.

Medley Crum is in the hospital at Louisville undergoing a general overhauling, so as to be able to hold his job on the local base ball team next year.

The Improved Order of Red Men of Inez will give a banquet in the Odd Fellows Hall next Friday night the 15th. All Red Men of other tribes in Martin county are cordially invited to attend. W. C. Kirk, J. E. Maynard, M. C. Dingus, Committee.

Millard T. Kirk, who was born and reared at Inez, Ky., has been endorsed for postmaster at Bartlesville, Okla.

Rev. O. F. Williams, pastor of the M. E. Church South, at Russell, Ky., began a revival meeting at the M. E. Church here, the first of last week. By the last of the week the services were so largely attended that it was necessary to move to a church that would hold the people. The pastors of the different churches were called together during the meeting and it was agreed upon for all to unite and hold a series of meetings at the Baptist church. This plan has proven a success. Already there have been a number of conversions and much good in general is being done.

Saturday morning between 7 and 10 o'clock some one entered the Chesapeake and Ohio station at Catlettsburg by the way of the waiting room and as the agent was not in the office, forced the door open and proceeded to take all he could lay his hands on. The burglar broke open the cash till and got between four and five dollars in small change, which was all there was in it; the other money being in the safe. A fine revolver, the property of night agent Burns, was also taken by the thief.